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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yuuzo KAMIGUCHI, et al.

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☒ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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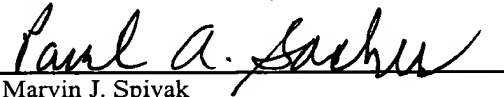
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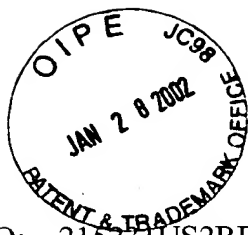

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AW on Form 1449:

This reference shows that CPP-Spin valve which has two oxide layer is pinned and free layers show the very large dR.

Reference AX on Form 1449:

This reference shows the CPP-SV of conventional structure and its properties.



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LIST OF RELATED CASES

<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Serial or Patent No.</u>	<u>Filing or Issue Date</u>	<u>Status or Patentee</u>
PER CLIENT	6,303,218	10/16/01	KAMIGUCHI et al.
213589US2 RD	09/944,075	09/04/01	PENDING
215231US2 RD*	09/981,987	10/19/01	PENDING

*Present application; listed for information.

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